

Claim 15 (New): A push broom comprising:

a bristle brush;

an elongated handle secured to said bristle brush;

said handle having a pair of sections arranged in sliding telescoping relationship located adjacent said bristle brush;

a compression spring mounted between said sections normally expandable to forcibly urge said bristle brush into engagement with a floor surface;

detente means operably interconnecting said sections to prevent rotation therebetween;

guide means movably coupling said sections together to provide rectilinear movement between said sections;

said sections having opposite ends engaged in sliding connection;

a selected section having a pin or key and a non-selected section having a slot or keyway for accepting said pin or said key;

a flexible boot having opposite ends secured to said sections respectively and covering said compression spring;

said boot is a bellows having a mid-section consisting of a plurality of convolutions;

a bushing interposed between said sections and secured to one end of said boot and one end of said spring; and

a fitting secured on a selected one of said sections for securement with the other ends of said boot and said spring respectively.

Claim 16 (New): An implement for engaging a surface to be cleaned comprising:

- an elongated handle;
- a cleaning device secured to said handle;
- said handle having an upper section and a lower section;

- adjacent ends of said upper section and said lower section arranged in slidable telescoping relationship permitting rectilinear movement with respect to each other;

- resilient means carried on said adjacent ends in securement with said upper section and said lower section and normally urging said lower section away from said upper section;

- said lower section connected with said cleaning implement;

- a key and keyway arrangement carried on said adjacent ends for providing guiding movement of said lower section with respect to said upper section in said rectilinear movement;

- said key and keyway arrangement preventing rotation of said upper section with respect to said lower section;

- said resilient means is a compressible coil spring normally expanded to extend overall length of said handle by forcibly urging said lower section away from said upper section;

- said lower section having an extended portion insertably receivable in said upper section and terminating with a bushing in slidable relationship with said upper section;

a combined bushing and spring locking mechanism secured to said upper section and having a base for slidably receiving said extended portion;

said compressible coil spring has two ends;

one end of said compressible coil spring is secured to said combined bushing and spring locking mechanism and the other end secured to said lower section; and

a bellows boot enclosing said compressible coil spring and having opposite ends secured to said upper section and said lower section respectively.

Claim 17 (New): In a push broom apparatus having an elongated handle with a brush attached to one end thereof, the improvement which comprises:

said handle having an upper section of tubular construction and having a lower section insertably received in said upper section in slidable relationship therewith;

a compression coil spring disposed about said lower section and having opposite ends secured to said upper section and said lower section respectively permitting controlled movement therebetween to normally extend said lower section away from said upper section so as to extend the overall length of said handle;

a bellows boot enclosed said compression coil spring and having a pair of opposite ends secured to said upper section and secured to said lower end respectively;

a first bushing carried on said lower section in sliding relationship with said upper section;

a second bushing carried on said upper section in sliding relationship to said lower section; and

securement means for holding one end of said compressible coil spring to said second bushing and for holding another end of said compressible coil spring to said lower section.